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COMES UNDER FAR MORE CRITICISM IN PRC
DENUNCIATIONS OF "SUPER POWERS"

1. WHILE THEIR HARSHEST REMARKS WERE STILL RESERVED FOR THE SOVIETS IN PRC DENUNCIATIONS OF THE "TWO SUPER POWERS" -- NEVER EXPLICITLY NAMED -- IN THEIR MAY 11 STATEMENT ON UNESCO'S PROPOSED PROGRAM, THE US WAS THE OBJECT OF FAR MORE CRITICISM THAN HAS BEEN THE CASE FOR THE PAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS. MOREOVER, PREPARED SPEECH BY PRC AMBASSADOR TO UNESCO (HU SHA) WAS NOTABLY PRAISEWORTHY OF THE "SECOND WORLD COUNTRIES" (WEO'S) FOR HAVING "REINFORCED THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE SUPER POWERS, IN PARTICULAR AGAINST THE MEDDLING AND INTERVENTION, SUBVERSION AND MILITARY THREATS OF SOCIAL IMPERIALISM," AS WELL AS FOR HAVING "INCREASED DIALOGUES AND CONTACTS WITH THE THIRD WORLD." THE LATTER, IN TURN, CONTINUE TO BE PRESENTED AS A BLOC WITH WHICH THE PRC IDENTIFIES AND WHOSE INTERESTS OF "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDEPENDENCE" THE PRC SUPPORTS.

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2. SOVIETS IMPLICITLY CAME IN FOR HARSHEST PRC BARBS.

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FOR EXAMPLE, HU SHA SAID "THREAT TO PEACE DERIVES, IN ESSENCE, FROM SOCIAL IMPERIALISM" WHICH, WHILE "PAYING LIP SERVICE TO (SO-CALLED) DETENTE AND TO THE (SO-CALLED) SPIRIT OF THE CSCE, UNDERTAKES IN ITS ACTIONS AGGRESSION, EXPANSION AND INFILTRATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD BY POLITICAL, MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL MEANS." SIMILARLY, SOVIETS IMPLICITLY ATTACKED AS "THE SUPER POWER WHICH, WHILE PEDDLING DISARMAMENT AND CHURNING OUT A STREAM OF PROPOSALS, ACTUALLY PURSUES FRANTIC WAR PREPARATION AND EXPANSION OF ITS ARMAMENTS."

3. HOWEVER, THE US RECEIVED IMPLICIT CRITICISM IN THE FAIRLY EXTENSIVE PRC TREATMENT OF THE "HEGEMONISM" PURSUED BY THE TWO SUPER POWERS. BOTH SUPER POWERS WERE ACCUSED OF HAVING "DESIGNS" TO ACT AS "OVERLORDS" IN UNESCO. WITH REGARD TO THE NIEO, HU SHA BRIEFLY RECALLED PRC REMARKS THIS ISSUE MADE EARLIER THIS SESSION. THOSE REMARKS, WHILE IMPLICITLY ACCUSING THE SOVIET UNION OF "SHAM SUPPORT FOR THE THIRD WORLD," ALSO NOTED "ONE SUPER POWER HAS STUBBORNLY CONTINUED TO OPPOSE A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER" AND HAS SOUGHT TO "CONFUSE" EFFORTS FOR THE CREATION OF THE NIEO. US WAS ALSO GIVEN EQUAL IMPLICIT BILLING WITH SOVIETS IN CHINESE CRITICISM THAT "THE SUPER POWERS SEEK BY A THOUSAND AND ONE WAYS TO KEEP CERTAIN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES IN A STATE OF DEPENDENCY WITH REGARD TO TECHNOLOGY" AND IN THE ASSERTION THAT LDC'S WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO DEVELOP WHEN THEY HAVE "RID THEMSELVES OF THE EXPLOITATION AND CONTROL OF IMPERIALISM OF THE SUPER POWERS AS WELL AS OF THE LATTER'S MONOPOLY ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY."

4. PERMDEL AIR POUCHING FRENCH LANGUAGE TEXT -- ONLY VERSION AVAILABLE -- OF HU SHA'S SPEECH TO DEPARTMENT. PERMDEL WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT IMPLICIT CRITICISM OF THE US HAS NOT SUDDENLY REACHED POINT WHERE IT BALANCES CRITICISM OF THE SOVIETS. THE LATTER CLEARLY REMAIN A SPECIAL TARGET. IT MAY BE THAT IN ADDRESSING QUESTIONS OF WORLD ECONOMICS AND RELATED SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUES, PRC "LOGICALLY" WOULD HAVE TO LASH OUT AT THE
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US, IN VIEW OF THIRD WORLD AUDIENCES WHOSE FAVOR THE PRC CONTINUES TO SEEK. IN ANY CASE, THIS PRC STATEMENT WAS A NOTABLE DEPARTURE FROM THEIR HITHERTO NARROW FOCUS OF CRITICISM ON THE SOVIETS.
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